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Miami Beach Celebrates Hispanic Heritage Month *-- Festivals, Food Trucks and Concerts --*

Miami Beach, FL -- The City of Miami Beach takes pride in cultural diversity and will once again celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month with an assortment of events, including the Ninth Annual Miami Beach Hispanic Heritage Festival on October 10.

This festival celebrates achievements and contributions of Latinos from past to present. Children from the city's Parks and Recreation after school programs in grades K-12 will present an array of Latin dance performances to music sung by popular Hispanic artists and groups. Additionally, the city's Zumba instructor will spice up the night with a mix of Latin music.

The Hispanic Affairs Committee will also honor Miami Beach's Hispanic community leaders who have made a difference to the Miami Beach community with awards.

Each of the awardees is actively involved in fostering positive change in the community through involvement in civic and/or professional activities. This year, the Committee honors the following individuals in their respective categories:

- **Businessperson:** Jessica Fuentes, young, Hispanic professional, general manager for Café Avanti
- **Public Safety:** Alejandro Llaneras, Miami Beach Police and K9 officer active in the Kindergarten Cops program
- **Artist:** Lourdes Lopez, artistic director, Miami City Ballet
- **Social Services:** Willie Priegues, Miami Beach recreation supervisor, Teen Club coordinator
- **Educator:** Carlos Rodriguez, Miami Beach Senior High Teacher of the Year

"Hispanics are a powerful voice on Miami Beach," said Frankie Trullenque, chairperson, Miami Beach Hispanic Affairs Committee. "And the winners exemplify the values that we most cherish - integrity, professionalism and a true caring for the community in which we live."

The committee will be holding drawings at the Food Truck event and Orgullo Festival for pre-selected Hispanic Heritage concert tickets held at The Fillmore.

Here's a complete list of events:

Miami Beach Food Truck & Music Fest (Free)
Wednesday, September 24, 5 p.m. – 10 p.m.
Featuring Kiki Sanchez Salsa Jazz Project
North Shore Bandshell, Collins Avenue & 73 Street
www.mbculture.com

Orgullo: Hispanic Pride Festival (Free)

Saturday, October 4, noon – 8 p.m.

North Shore Bandshell, Collins Avenue & 73 Street

Live music, entertainment, workshops, art, vendors & more

www.CelebrateOrgullo.com

Miami Beach Hispanic Heritage Festival (Free)

Friday, October 10, 6 p.m. – 9 p.m.

North Shore Park & Youth Center

501 72 Street

Live music, traditional Latin foods, dominoes, carnival rides and more.

www.miamibeachparks.com

The Fillmore Miami Beach Hispanic Heritage Month Concert Series

Enrique Bunbury on Wednesday, September 24

Pitingo on Saturday, September 27

Leopoldo Betancourt on Thursday, October 2

Rodrigo y Gabriela on Wednesday October 8

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